

IN LOVING MEMORY



Grace
Elizabeth

GARDINER

29TH JAN, 1951 – 26TH MAR, 2026

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST IN
THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF THE LATE

Grace
Elizabeth
GARDINER

SUNRISE: 29TH JANUARY, 1951
SUNSET: 26TH MARCH, 2026

AGE: 75 YEARS

SERVICE HELD AT:
ST. THOMAS' ANGLICAN CHURCH

DATE:
SATURDAY, 23RD MAY, 2026

TIME:
10.00 AM

CELEBRANT:
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OBITUARY

Lrace Elizabeth Gardiner was born in Grand Turk on January 29, 1951. At the age of 4, she moved to Grand Bahama with her mother, Vivian Gardiner, and grandmother, Mary Alice Gardiner nee Frith. Grace was educated in Grand Bahama at Mary Star of the Sea School and at Wolmers Girls High School in Jamaica.

For most of her life, Grace lived with her mother and grandmother in the same community as that of her uncle, Christopher Gardiner, and his family. The family was close-knit and included Aunt Olive Gardiner and, for a few years, Aunt Hazel Francis, nee Gardiner. Grace was an only child, but was regarded as a sister by the older Gardiner children. Her uncle, Christopher Gardiner, treated Grace like his daughter, and she always loved him as the only father figure she knew. For many years (until the birth of her cousin Joy Gardiner), she was the only girl in the Gardiner family, amidst a pack of boys: Christopher, Clayton, Rupert, Carl, and Lake. She was special. Consequently, she was always surrounded by family members who loved and cared for her.

During her adult life, Grace worked in a number of retail establishments, but she devoted much of her time to caring for her aging mother. She was of a pleasant disposition and was well-liked by all who knew her. She was a favourite of the nuns at Mary Star of the Sea, long after her school days were over.

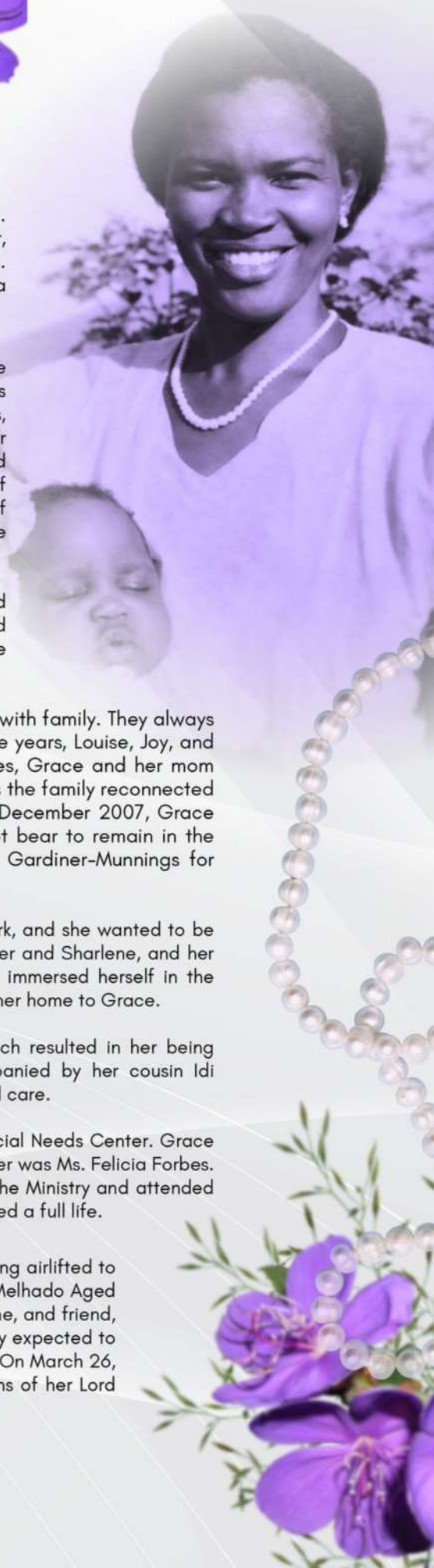
Over the years, Grace and her mom would often travel to Grand Turk to reconnect with family. They always lived with her mom's sister-in-law, the late Louise Elizabeth Gardiner. Most of those years, Louise, Joy, and Sharlene were in the home, as Grace's Uncle Christopher had passed. Many times, Grace and her mom would be accompanied by Lake's youngest son, Teddye. Grace loved these times as the family reconnected over old memories and established new ones. After the passing of her mother in December 2007, Grace had a true sense of sadness, as her mother was her best friend. Grace could not bear to remain in the same home where her mother had passed and moved in with her cousin Janet Gardiner-Munnings for several months.

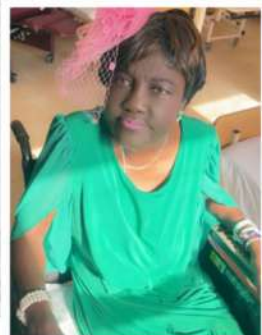
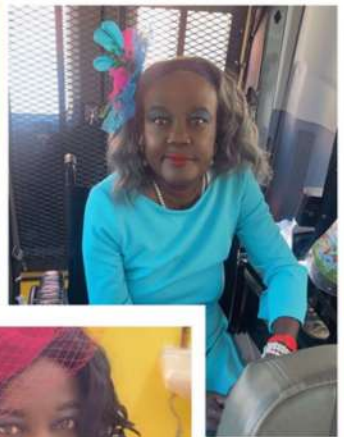
Grace returned home in 2011 as most of the Gardiner family had returned to Grand Turk, and she wanted to be among family. To ensure her relocation home was peaceful, Grace's cousins Christopher and Sharlene, and her close friend, Vanessa Forbes, ensured all of Grace's needs were met. Grace quickly immersed herself in the community and made lots of friends. One of these was Beatrice Gardiner, who opened her home to Grace.

During the last several years, Grace experienced several health issues, some of which resulted in her being airlifted overseas to the Cayman Islands for medical assistance. She was accompanied by her cousin Idi Gardiner, who, along with Sharlene, would ensure Grace was receiving the best medical care.

At the end of March 2020, Grace moved into the Sylvia Melhado Aged Care and Special Needs Center. Grace settled in well. She made friends who treated her like family. Her best friend at the center was Ms. Felicia Forbes. Despite her medical issues, Grace never missed a beat; she attended events held by the Ministry and attended Church services. Grace loved to sing, Grace loved to dress, Grace loved life, and she lived a full life.

In March 2026, Grace once again experienced medical issues which resulted in her being airlifted to Jamaica. While in Jamaica, Grace often spoke about her good treatment at the Sylvia Melhado Aged Care and Special Needs Center. She bragged about how her cousins Chris and Sharlene, and friend, Vanessa Forbes, cared for her, and the kindness of the people of Grand Turk. Grace fully expected to return to Grand Turk and be amongst her family and friends but it was not meant to be. On March 26, 2026, following a medical procedure, Grace peacefully passed. She is now in the arms of her Lord and Savior.







ORDER OF SERVICE

RECEPTION OF THE BODY

With faith in Jesus Christ, we receive the body of our sister Grace for burial. Our sister Grace was washed in Holy Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit. Let us therefore, with confidence, pray to God our Heavenly Father, the Giver of life, that He will raise her to perfection in the company of the Saints.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our sister Grace. We thank you for giving her to us, her family and friends, to know and love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Sentences: Lay Readers

Jesus said, I am the resurrection, and I am the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and who ever lives and believes in me shall never die. **John 11:25-25**

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His compassion never fails: every morning they are renewed. **Lamentations 3:22-23**

Jesus said, let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. **John 14:1**

I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angles, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Romans 8:38-39**

If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. **Romans 14:8-9**

We brought nothing into the world, and we take nothing out. The Lord gives, and the Lord takes away: Blessed be the name of the Lord. **Job 1:21**

The Eternal God is our refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. **Deuteronomy 33:27**

HYMN: "O Jesus, I have promised"

INTRODUCTION: Priest

OBITUARY: Read in silence

TRIBUTE IN SONG: Sophie Simmons

O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED

*O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ever near me,
my master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.*

*O let me feel thee near me:
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.*

*O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to re-assure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.*

*O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my master and my friend.*

*O let me see thy footmarks,
and in them plant mine own
my hope to follow duly
is in thy strength alone;
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my friend*

PSALM 23

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
Even for His own Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me; and Thy rod
And staff my comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.

PLEASANT ARE THY COURTS ABOVE

Pleasant are Thy courts above,
In the land of light and love;
Pleasant are Thy courts below
In this land of sin and woe;
O, my spirit longs and faints
For the converse of Thy saints,
For the brightness of Thy face,
For Thy fullness, God of grace.

Happy birds that sing and fly
Round Thy altars, O most High;
Happier souls that find a rest
In a heavenly Father's breast;
Like the wandering dove that found
No repose on earth around,
They can to their ark repair,
And enjoy it ever there.

Happy souls, their praises flow
Even in this vale of woe;
Waters in the desert rise,
Manna feeds them from the skies;
On they go from strength to strength,
Till they reach Thy throne at length,
At Thy feet adoring fall,
Who hast led them safe through all.

Lord, be mine this prize to win,
Guide me through a world of sin,
Keep me by Thy saving grace,
Give me at Thy side a place;
Sun and shield alike Thou art,
Guide and guard my erring heart.
Grace and glory flow from Thee;
Shower, O shower them, Lord, on me.

AS I KNEW HER: Sylvia Melhado Aged Care and Special Needs Center

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your Holy Name, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR THE DEPARTED

Celebrant: Let us pray:

Almighty God, we remember before you today your servant Grace and we pray that, having opened to her the gates of larger life, you will receive her more and more into your joyful service, that with all who have served you in the past, she may share in the eternal victory of Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

All: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Kayla Gardiner (*Isaiah 38:21-22*)

HYMN: "Psalm 23"

THE EPISTLE: Naomi Been (*James 1: 26-27*)

GRADUAL HYMN: "Pleasant Are Thy Courts Above"

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Priest (*Matthew 25:34-40*)

HOMILY: Canon Mark Kendall

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Celebrant: Let us with confidence and hope confess the faith into which we were Baptized, as we say:

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

THE INTERCESSIONS: Pastor Faye Forbes

Leader: For our sister Grace, let us pray to the Lord Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am life".

Leader: Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Grace and dry the tears of those who weep.

All: Hear, us Lord.

Leader: You wept at the grave of Lazarus your friend; comfort us in sorrow.

All: Hear us, Lord.

Leader: You raised the dead to life; Raise our sister Grace to eternal life.

All: Hear us, Lord.

Leader: You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our sister Grace the joys of heaven.

All: Hear us, Lord.





Leader: Our sister Grace was washed in baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give her fellowship with all your saints.

All: Hear us, Lord.

Leader: Our sister Grace was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant him a place at the table in your heavenly Kingdom.

All: Hear us, Lord.

Leader: Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our sister Grace Let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

All: Hear us, Lord.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister Grace who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that her death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

THE ACT OF PENITENCE

Celebrant: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

A period of silence shall be kept.

Celebrant: Let us therefore confess our sins.

All: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against You and one another, in thought, word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are sorry and repent of all our sins. For Your son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve You in newness of life to the glory of Your Name. **Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

OFFERTORY HYMN: "Through All the Changing Scenes of Life"

*Through all the changing scenes of life
In trouble and in joy,
The praises of my God shall still
My heart and tongue employ.*

*O magnify the Lord with me,
With me exalt His Name;
When in distress to Him I called,
He to my rescue came.*

*The hosts of God encamp around
The dwellings of the just;
Deliverance He affords to all
Who on His succour trust.*

*O make but trial of His love;
Experience will decide
How blest are they, and only they,
Who in His truth confide.*

*Fear Him, ye saints, and you will then
Have nothing else to fear;
Make you His service your delight;
Your wants shall be His care.*

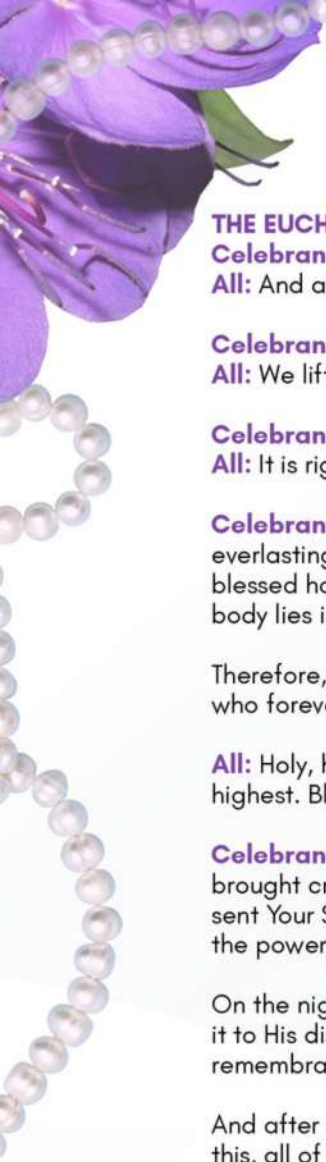
*To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom we adore,
Be glory, as it was, is now,
And shall be evermore*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Celebrant: Through your goodness, Lord, we have this bread and wine to offer, the fruit of the earth and the work of human hands. They will become our spiritual food.

All: All things come from you, O Lord, and of your own do we give you. Blessed be God forever. **Amen.**





THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give You thanks, Father Almighty, everlasting God: Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who rose victorious from the dead and comforts us with the blessed hope of life eternal. For to Your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of Your Name.

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Sovereign Lord and Father, to You be glory and praise forever. In Your boundless wisdom, You brought creation into being; in Your great love, You fashioned us in Your image; in Your tender compassion, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour, to share our human nature; in the power of the Holy Spirit, He overcame the power of sin and death and brought Your people to new birth as first of Your new creation.

On the night that He was betrayed, He took bread, and when He had given thanks to You, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take this and eat it: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me."

And after supper, He took the cup of wine: and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is My Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of Me."

Celebrant: Therefore, Father, according to the command of Your dearly beloved Son.

All: We remember His death. We proclaim His resurrection. We await His coming in glory.

Celebrant: And we offer You, Father, our sacrifice of thanks and praise. Send Your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine that they may become the Body and Blood of Your Son, Jesus, our Lord and Redeemer. As we partake of this holy food of new and unending life, may Your Holy Spirit establish us as a royal priesthood with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. John The Baptist, St. Thomas, St. John The Divine, and all Your sons and daughters who share in Your eternal inheritance; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. With Him and in Him and through Him, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we worship You, Father almighty, with all who stand before You in earth and heaven, in songs of everlasting praise.

All: Blessings and honour and glory and power be yours forever and ever. **Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

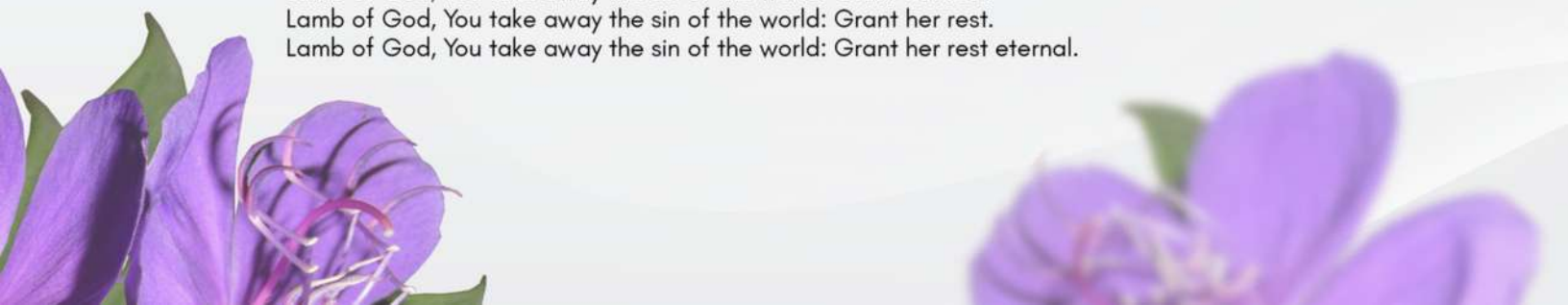
All: Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

THE AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: Grant her rest.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: Grant her rest.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: Grant her rest eternal.



THE INVITATION

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God

All: Our souls will feast and be satisfied, and we will sing glad songs of praise to Him.

COMMUNION HYMNS: "O Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face"

*Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
here would I touch and handle things unseen;
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon thee lean.*

*Here would I feed upon the Bread of God;
here drink with thee the royal Wine of heaven;
here would I lay aside each earthly load,
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.*

*I have no help but thine; nor do I need another arm save thine to lean upon;
it is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;
my strength is in thy might, thy might alone.*

*Mine is the sin, but thine the righteousness;
mine is the guilt, but thine the cleansing Blood.
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace;
thy Blood, thy righteousness, O Lord, my God!*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

All: Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love You have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom, where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with your saints; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY: Priest

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HYMN: "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
The strife is o'er, the battle done,
now is the Victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung:
Alleluia!*

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst, and Jesus hath his foes dispersed; let shouts of praise and joy outburst. Alleluia!

*On the third morn He rose again
Glorious in majesty to reign
O let us swell the joyful strain:
Alleluia!*

Lord! by the stripes which wounded thee, from death's dread sting thy servants free, that we may live and sing to thee. Alleluia!

THE COMMENDATION

Celebrant: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant Grace with your saints.

All: Where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Celebrant: You only are immortal, the Creator and Maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust: yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant Grace with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

THY WAY, NOT MINE, O LORD

*Thy way, not mine, O Lord,
However dark it be;
Lead me by Thine own hand,
Choose out the path for me.*

*Smooth let it be or rough,
It will be still the best;
Winding or straight, it leads
Right onward to Thy rest.*

*I dare not choose my lot;
I would not, if I might;
Choose Thou for me, my God,
So I shall walk aright.*

*Take Thou my cup, and it
With joy or sorrow fill,
As best to Thee may seem;
Choose Thou my good and ill.*

*Choose Thou for me my friends,
My sickness or my health;
Choose Thou my cares for me
My poverty or wealth.*

*The kingdom that I seek
Is Thine: so let the way
That leads to it be Thine,
Else I must surely stray.*

*Not mine, not mine the choice
In things or great or small;
Be Thou my Guide, my Strength
My Wisdom, and my All.*

HARK, MY SOUL! IT IS THE LORD

*Hark, my soul, it is the Lord!
'Tis thy Savior, hear His Word;
Jesus speaks, and speaks to thee,
"Say, poor, sinner, lovest thou Me?"*

*"I delivered thee when bound,
And, when bleeding, healed thy wound;
Sought thee wandering, set thee right,
Turned thy darkness into light.*

*"Can a woman's tender care
Cease toward the child she bare?
Yes, she may forgetful be,
Yet will I remember thee.*

*"Mine is an unchanging love,
Higher than the heights above,
Deeper than the depths beneath,
Free and faithful, strong as death.*

*"Thou shalt see My glory soon,
When the work of grace is done;
Partner of My throne shalt be:
Say, poor sinner, lovest thou Me?"*

*Lord, it is my chief complaint
That my love is weak and faint;
Yet I love Thee, and adore:
O for grace to love Thee more!*





Celebrant: Let us commend our sister Grace to the mercy of God our maker and Redeemer. Deliver your servant, Grace. O Sovereign Lord Christ, from all evil, and set her free from every bond, that she may rest with all your saints in the eternal habitations, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God forever and ever.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All Sing; Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Into your hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend your servant Grace. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, in the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

All: Amen.

Priest: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

All: The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMNS: "How Great Thou Art", "I stand amazed"

*O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.*

Chorus:

*Then sings my soul, my saviour God,
to Thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God,
to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

*When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze. [Chorus]*

*And when I think that God, his son
not sparing,
Sent him to die I scarce can take it in:
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin. [Chorus]*

*When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art! [Chorus]*

*I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how He could love me,
A sinner, condemned, unclean.*

*O how marvelous! O how wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
O how marvelous! O how wonderful!
Is my Savior's love for me!*

*For me it was in the garden
He prayed: "Not My will, but Thine."
He had no tears for His own griefs,
But sweat drops of blood for mine.*

*In pity angels beheld Him,
And came from the world of light
To comfort Him in the sorrows
He bore for my soul that night.*

*He took my sins and my sorrows,
He made them His very own;
He bore the burden to Calvary,
And suffered and died alone.*

*When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me.*



GRACE



FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

